(b) if so, by when these new members (Experts) would be included?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (b) In terms of Paragraph 1.3 of the Resolution No. 371/20/90-AVD.III dated 13.8.2002 of the Department of Personnel & Training, two Vigilance Commissioners are to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee comprising the Prime Minister as the Chairperson, and the Home Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha as Members. On the basis of the recommendations made by this Committee on 19.8.02, Shri Janki Ballabh, former Chairman of the State Bank of India, has joined as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission on 5.11.02.

Restoration of LTC facilities

2311. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for restoration of LTC facilities to Government employees serving in different places including those in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Raids conducted by CBI

2312. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI had conducted raids on the premises of public servants all over the country on the 8th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the seizures of money/financial instruments, location-wise and the status of such servants;

(c) whether Government propose to take any further action against them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Central Vigilance Commission provides inputs to CBI for identifying corrupt public servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) & (b) As per the information provided by the CBI, the raids were conducted against Government officials, private individuals, serving and retired employees of the Public Sector Undertakings and Banks and private firms. As a result of raids, 25 cases have been registered by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Antiquities & Art Treasures Act, Passport Act and also under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC). Some of the cases in the aforesaid 25 cases have been registered against Government Officials for misusing their official position, a number of the cases pertain to the serving and retired employees of Public Sector Undertakings and Banks. The CBI detected money, financial instruments and investments worth Rs. 65 lakhs during the raids.

(c) and (d) The action against the officials will be taken by the Government as per the rules and regulations and the provisions of the Acts under which cases have been registered against them.

(e) The Central Vigilance Commission exercises superintendence over CVOs in various PSUs and organizations, who are responsible for monitoring corruption, malpractices and mis-conduct on the part of public servants. After considering the gravity of charges, the CVO can also entrust the case to CBI.